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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The above-identified US patent application corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-507987. An Office Action was issued by the Japanese Patent Office on February 3, 2010 and a copy of that Office Action is attached along with an English language translation prepared by Japanese counsel for the applicants. The Japanese Examiner has cited two references as being relevant. JP09-506004 corresponds to US Patent No. 6,240,569. The other cited Japanese reference does not appear to have an English language equivalent. This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A that identifies the two Japanese references cited by the Japanese Examiner along with the US equivalent of JP09-506004. Copies of the Japanese references are attached as well along with English language abstracts.

Counsel has reviewed these two newly cited references particularly in view of the recent interview conducted with Examiner Quinn. It is the opinion of the undersigned US counsel that these references are less relevant than the references that already are of record and that these references will not teach or suggest the subject matter of the amended claims that were discussed during the interview.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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